HOUSE RESOLUTION 203 By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bruce Lee Batson on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Lee Batson will celebrate his eightieth birthday on March 10, 2006, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Andrew and Betty Batson, Bruce Batson was born on March 10, 1926, in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1946, Bruce Batson was joined in marriage with Catherine Primm; into this blessed union were born two children, Lee and Rose; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Batson always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order, and to pass those values down to his grandchildren, Eddie, Ben, Tiffany, and Bruce; and his two great-grandchildren, Staley and Trey; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Bruce Batson is a United States Army veteran who served his country during World War II while stationed in Italy; and

WHEREAS, he worked as a construction crew superintendent before opening his own chain of home supply stores; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Springfield community, Mr. Batson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bruce Lee Batson on the celebration of his eightieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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